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SUBJECT: EMBASSY RECREATIONAL PROPERTY

REF: MOSCOW 11499

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF GARRISON LETTER TO VORONTSOV
DATED JULY 25, AS REQUESTED REFTEL.

2. QUOTE: THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE CONCURS IN YOUR
EMBASSY'S REQUEST TO ACQUIRE AN ADDITIONAL PLOT OF
LAND OF APPROXIMATELY 5 ACRES AS DESCRIBED IN YOUR
LETTER OF JULY 10, ADJOINING THE RECREATIONAL PROPERTY
WHICH THE EMBASSY NOW OWNS.

IT IS THE DEPARTMENT'S UNDERSTANDING THAT WITH THE
ADDITION OF THIS PROPERTY AND THE BUILDING ON IT THE
EMBASSY WILL THEN OWN RECREATIONAL PROPERTY AT PIONEER
POINT AMOUNTING TO ABOUT 50 ACRES.

I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO INFORM YOU
THAT THE DEPARTMENT'S RESPONSE DATED DECEMBER 14, 1971
TO THE ORIGINAL ORAL REQUEST MADE BY THE EMBASSY TO
PURCHASE RECREATIONAL PROPERTY DOES NOT APPLY TO THE
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PURCHASE OF ANY PROPERTY IN ADDITION TO THAT CURRENTLY

OWNED AND THAT DESCRIBED IN YOUR LETTER OF JULY 10.

ACQUISITION OF THIS ADDITIONAL PROPERTY FURTHER WIDENS
THE ALREADY LARGE DISPARITY BETWEEN THE RECREATIONAL
FACILITIES AVAILABLE TO OUR EMBASSY IN MOSCOW AND THOSE
AVAILABLE TO YOUR EMBASSY HERE. WE EXPECT, THEREFORE,
THAT OUR FUTURE REQUESTS FOR ADDITIONAL RECREATIONAL
FACILITIES IN THE SOVIET UNION WILL RECEIVE RECIPROCAL
FAVORABLE CONSIDERATION. END QUOTE. SISCO

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